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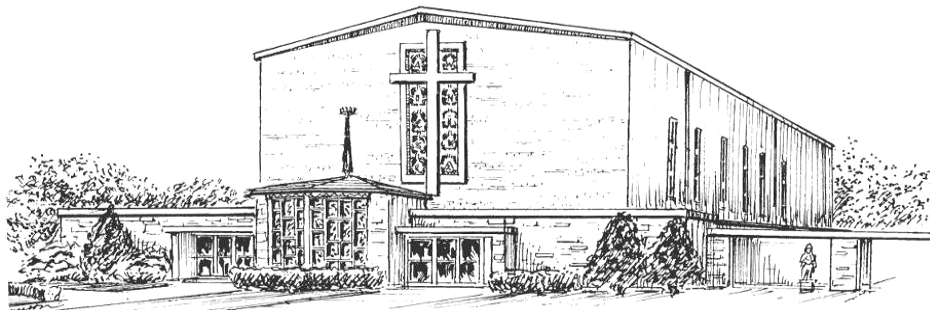
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March 28, 2010


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



All are welcome.  
Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Mass Intentions for the Week of March 29 - April 4, 2010**

Day	Time	Intentions -
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Purgatorial Society - Tom Dillon
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Andy Jaskierski
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	Mary Karen Carroll, John Keating Lenten Mass
Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by Silent Adoration until 11:00 p.m.)
Good Friday	3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Celebration of the Lord's Passion (enacted by Confirmation Candidates)
Holy Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	 <i>HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</i> Parish Priests' Intentions Spanish Mass



Please remember our sick in your prayers: Steven Blazek, Adrienne Wellenc, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety, Rosemary Sylvester, Mike Lotito, Harry Fisher, Jean Weekley, Gen Andorf, Rich Andorf, Dolores Duda, Betty Jo Boden, Sherry Sumner, Patricia Swain, Rene Quiñones, Patricia Krieger, Bernice Hyatt, Therese Wess, Scott May, Denise Kuchta, Anna Ciszek, Roberta Zeman, Emma Fontana, Mark Ronchetti, Kathryn Super-Wilson, Larry Rincon, Joseph Fajdich, Betty Niwa, Donal Fox, Sister Arlene Gibson, Marilyn Matesevac, and Ruth Calandriello. Also pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound and unable to attend Mass.



THIS PAST WEEK  
WE WELCOMED...

VIOLET FALLON QUINN,  
daughter of Colm & Allison (Peters) Quinn

GIADA MARIE VARI,  
daughter of James & Leslie (Traficante) Vari

CATHERINE MARGARET WILLIAMS,  
daughter of Mark & Marilou (Montoya) Williams

TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH THROUGH THE  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week;  
Passover begins
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
- Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion;  
Fast and Abstinence; First Friday
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter;  
First Saturday



**Wedding Banns**

*Rachel Benkert*  
&  
*Thomas Wenzl*

## NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...

### PALM SUNDAY



*The blessing of palms focuses on the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It proclaims Jesus as the Messiah and hope of Israel. In contrast, in the account of the passion, we focus on the weakness and vulnerability of Jesus. He is betrayed, handed over, mocked and scourged, led to Calvary and crucified on the cross. The cross is the most powerful act of love of Jesus for his people so that he can free them from their sin. Through the cross, he loves them to the end. In a response of love, the Father will raise him from the dead.*

*Triumph and weakness are strange partners. There is a paradox in today's feast. The scriptures reveal that it is through weakness and vulnerability that God triumphs and is victorious in his mercy and forgiveness. The person who suffers for living out the message of the gospel can find comfort and reassurance in the first two readings. The suffering servant of Isaiah could describe the way in which the Christian may hope in God even if he or she is criticized and rebuked for being a Christian. The hymn from St. Paul's letter shows how God will triumph through suffering. The promise to the good thief that he will be with God in paradise brings together the forgiveness and mercy offered to many people in Luke's gospel. In his humility, the good thief trusts in Jesus; "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." In his weakness on the cross and sorrow for his sin, he is pardoned and restored to right relationship with God.*

*We can further contrast the response of Peter and Judas, both of whom deny Jesus. Peter protests to Jesus that he will never abandon him but denies him three times before the cock crows. In the recognition of his betrayal, he weeps and asks forgiveness. He will be restored to a place of leadership amongst the apostles. Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss; a kiss which is a kiss of death and has the opposite meaning to the tenderness and intimacy of such a gesture. He disappears from Luke's account of the passion and we believe he killed himself in despair. He must be entrusted to God's mercy. Each of the disciples shows weakness and vulnerability. To accept this and recognize the need of God and absolute dependence upon God are the means to salvation.*

*In the fragility of the cross is the hope of resurrection. The Christian is invited to recognize the cross in the midst of life and in that suffering to trust in God. Naturally it seems easier to flee from the cross, or to avoid or deny the cross. Realistically that is impossible. It is only by embracing the cross that the Christian can discover the deepest meaning of faith. It is the way to liberation and resurrection.*

### Parish News Update

*Father Edgar has been appointed temporary Administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Cicero and will be overseeing all parish operations there for the next few weeks. He will still be doing a few things here but may be a bit scarce for the next several weeks. He will be going on a Mission trip to Bolivia as of April 10<sup>th</sup> for two weeks. His plate is very full at this time and we wish him well and assure him of our continued prayers. We will look forward to his return to full time ministry back here by the end of April.*

*Through the generosity of a donor you will notice that on the back side brick walls of the church there are two large items on the walls covered in purple cloth. They are two new wall freezes that have been donated. One is of Jesus surrounded by children from around the world (a Native American child, an Eskimo child, a South American child, etc.) The other is of Our Blessed Mother Mary surrounded also by children from different parts of the world (Mary is holding a child from Africa and is surrounded by other children such as an American child, European child, etc.)*

*Eight beautiful new wooden niches have been donated that are hung between the side windows where the vigil lights are located and will hold small statues of different saints from around the world. These new additions to our church will enhance the sacredness of our worship space while emphasizing for us God's love for all children as His sons and daughters and reminding each of us of our call to sainthood. We thank the generous donors for these beautiful new additions to our church.*

Blessings,  
Father Bob



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - Called to serve

The prophet Isaiah's four "servant songs" (Isaiah 42:17; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) describe the qualities of the ideal servant leader. To begin with this person is the "chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations" (42:1b). It's not surprising that the early Christians saw in the servant songs a remarkable similarity to Jesus' life and ministry. The third song (which is proclaimed today) talks of a suffering servant. This passage helped Jesus' followers understand his death on the cross in a new and hopeful way. We are all God's servants; how is this truth expressed in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49*  
*"The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced."*

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Honestly assess your motives

It's good to keep in mind that Jesus chose a thief to be one of his 12 apostles. Otherwise we might think Jesus chose *us* because we're so *good*! It's also ironic that Judas' false protest that the money spent to anoint Jesus should have been given to the poor elicited this famous rebuke from Jesus: "You will always have the poor with you." We use that quote today to put off giving to the poor. In reality the money we possess has been entrusted to us to help the needy. When we refuse to do so, we are thieves like Judas. There's one week left to repent.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11*  
*"He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief."*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Look to yourself

We move into Holy Week with a sober reminder of our imperfect nature, exemplified by predictions of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial of Jesus. It would be easy to point a finger at their failings while denying our own potential to do the same. At one time or another we all disappoint those who count on us for support. Today is a good day to make some amends for past shortcomings or betrayals. Then you can move toward Easter with a lighter spirit and a more joyful heart.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38*  
*"Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me."*

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - Listen up

As Holy Week continues you might stop to think about the importance of *listening* for your Lenten journey. In *prayer* you listen for the Spirit of God and the promptings of your own heart. In *almsgiving* you listen for the voices of those in need and then respond. In *fasting* you listen to your own spiritual and physical hungers to sort out what is truly important. In these last few days of Lent take some time to listen.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25*  
*"The Lord God has opened my ear."*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

### HOLY THURSDAY - Live the memory

The liturgy of Holy Thursday is rich in symbolism and meaning. The stories of the first Passover and of Jesus celebrating the Passover with his friends contain images foundational to our self-understanding as Christians, images that for centuries have inspired our prayer, art, imagination, and theology. Today we do not merely remember the story of the Last Supper and the washing of feet; we open ourselves to God's presence here and now, which we experience in communion with our family and friends over a meal, during a liturgy, and by caring for one another and for those in need. May Holy Thursday be nourishing to you this day and may you find ways to make present the reality of God's deep love for you and for the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15*  
*"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you."*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

#### Allow yourself to be raised up

On this most solemn of days we focus on the Passion and death of Jesus. But remember what happens tomorrow night: resurrection. The story is not over until that happens. Beyond the darkness of Good Friday will shine Easter light. God reaches out a hand to raise us up out of suffering, sin, even death, and calls us back to God. And the crucified Jesus shows us God's love: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends," Jesus says in the Gospel of John (15:13). Jesus is the human hand of God; all we need to do is grasp it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42*  
*"See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up."*

## SATURDAY, APRIL 3

### VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER

#### Nothing but the truth

In a world that so often teeters between white lies and damnable ones, God speaks the truth. God is truth, so when God says, *Let there be light*, prepare to be dazzled! And when Jesus says, *I am the light of the world*, trust that we can follow him through the dark valley of death and find our way. Jesus also says to his friends: *You are the light of the world*—which means it's up to us now to carry "Christ our light" higher than the darkest deceptions of our times. He is risen! Who needs to hear this message tonight?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Luke 24:1-12*  
*"Then God commanded, 'Let there be light'—and light appeared."*

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*ST. CLETUS PARISH SCHEDULE*

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 1**

7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Silent Adoration until 11:00 P.M.  
 7:00 P.M. Spanish Mass in Morrissey Hall

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 2**

9:00 A.M. Living Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis in parking lot  
 11:00 A.M. "Last Words"/Las Siete Palabras of Jesus in Morrissey Hall  
 1:00 P.M. Adoration of the Cross/Adoración de la Cruz (in Spanish) in Morrissey Hall  
 3:00 P.M. Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
 7:00 P.M. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (enacted by teens preparing for Confirmation) followed by Communion

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**April 3**

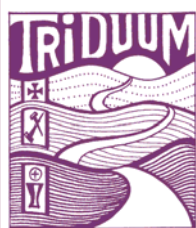
12:00 Noon Blessing of Food Baskets in Morrissey Hall  
 7:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 4 - Mass Times**

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M. (Spanish)

***NOTE: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD DURING HOLY WEEK***



The Sacred Triduum refers to the three days before Easter. They include Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper and Christ's Passion and approaching crucifixion. Good Friday is a solemn time in which we remember the suffering death on the cross of Jesus Christ. On Holy Saturday we observe the Easter Vigil and anticipate Christ's triumphant resurrection from the dead. The Sacred Triduum is the apex of our liturgical year, and its glorious fulfillment. Let us observe these days as a special time of prayer and meditation.

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**SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 26 Washington Avenue  
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**THE CROSS SPEAKS**  
**Friday, April 2**  
**12 Noon – 1:00 PM**  
 An Ecumenical Good Friday Service  
 Sponsored by the La Grange Ministerium



## OPERATION RICE BOWL

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation. This week let us remember in **prayer** that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbors will promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our own community, and in communities around the world. May our **fasting** keep us mindful we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. May our **almsgiving** assist those in need here in the United States. 75% of your gifts to Operation Rice Bowl support Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contributions stay in dioceses in the U.S. to assist local hunger and poverty alleviation programs. If you forgot to return your filled rice bowl, please drop it off in Church this week. Thank you!

### *Do you know...*

- There is an increasing need of food assistance in Cook County. Nearly 678,000 people each year rely on emergency and supplemental food provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository and its member network of 650 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. That figure represents a 36 percent increase over Hunger in America 2006 and reflects the recession and accompanying rising unemployment rates.
- Each week, the Food Depository and its member agencies serve 142,400 men and women and children. (St. Cletus Food Pantry is one of these agencies).
- 47 percent of households served say they have to choose between paying for food and utilities.
- 44 percent report choosing between paying for food and rent or mortgage.
- 28 percent of clients say they have to choose between food and paying for medicine or healthcare.
- Hard choices lead to hunger. Because of your ongoing generosity, St. Cletus Food Pantry is able to provide assistance which helps make ends meet.

### **This week's Catholic Social teaching focus: Dignity of the Human Person.**

All people possess an inherent dignity because we were created in the imago of God. The welfare of all people is a priority.

*Mary Beth Ford ~ Social Concerns Ministry*



**IT'S TODAY IN MORRISSEY HALL!**

The annual Holy Name Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, March 28, from approximately 7:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M., in Morrissey Hall in the Education Building. Join us for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Tickets: Adults/\$5 and Children/\$3. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Hope to see you there!

*Jim Matthews*

**DO YOU HAVE A JOB FOR SOMEONE IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

If so, please contact INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK (ICN) at [jobs@interfaithcareernetwork.org](mailto:jobs@interfaithcareernetwork.org). More than 250 people living in our local area have attended our job support meetings and are in need of work. We are looking for companies or individuals who have or know of job openings. We are looking for salaried and hourly positions, full-time or part-time. If you can be of assistance to these job seekers, please let us know. We will send out your postings to everyone in our network.

ICN is a networking group of residents and businesses within and around the La Grange area and surrounding communities. Our goal is to leverage and develop professional contacts to promote and grow local business relationships. We encourage business owners to look within our community first for their hiring needs.

ICN has recently created a local LinkedIn Group, "La Grange Links", for anyone in the La Grange area and surrounding communities. We hope you will join and discover new contacts within our community. Visit LinkedIn, then search for "La Grange Links" under the LinkedIn Groups heading.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of dock hands from 6th grade to 100 years-old willing to help our young explorer's *Explore God's World* during the week of June 21 from 9:00 A.M. `til Noon. Dust off your waders and call (708) 352-2383 or you can email me at [pkahl@stcletusparish.com](mailto:pkahl@stcletusparish.com). Join us - and get ready to ROCK THE DOCK!

*Pat Kahl*

Director of Religious Education

*YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!*

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS...**

Once again, all high school aged teens of the parish are invited to participate in the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Practices are held in the church on Wednesday, March 24 from 7:00 - 9:00 A.M., Monday, March 29 from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M., and the dress rehearsal is Wednesday, April 2, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Please join us for this enriching experience.

**CANDY SALES...**Our teens from the Teen Advisory Board are going on a mission trip this summer. Eighteen of us will be going to St. Louis, MO to serve the community through an organization known as YouthWorks. We will be selling Fannie Mae Candy bars to raise funds for the trip this weekend after all of the Masses. The candy bars are \$1.00 each and come in Dark Chocolate, Milk Chocolate, Almonds, Peanut Butter, and Caramel. We will also accept any free will donations. Donations can be made by writing a check to St. Cletus Youth Ministry and dropping it off at the rectory office, c/o Amy Cranny, Youth Ministry. Thank you for supporting our teens on the past trips and we hope to have your support once again!

*Amy Cranny*

Youth Ministry

**LEISURE LOAFERS**

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 1, at 1:00 P.M. in Morrissey Hall. Let's have cake and coffee and then play BINGO. Come and join the fun!

*Alice Katzmarek*

*St. Cletus Book Club*

Our next book is

***The Cellist of Sarajevo***  
by Steven Galloway

We will meet to discuss it on...

**Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 P.M.**  
in the Religious Ed Room  
(enter at flag pole door)

Questions? Email: [loriashe@aol.com](mailto:loriashe@aol.com)

**CARDINAL CORNER NEWS FROM THE ST. CLETUS SCHOOL BOARD****Faith, Family, Future****THANKS!**

Thanks to all who participated in our recent **McDonald's fundraiser**. We earned \$588 to help off-set activities costs for our eighth grade class.

Special thanks to the **Technology Committee** and project leader **Chris McLean** for redesigning our school web site. We are proud of the redesigned site since it makes school parents' lives easier by creating a parent-focused page, provides students with a resource for learning, gives alumni a place to reconnect and shows future school families what an exceptional learning environment our school provides.

We are pleased to report that our **Annual Fund** has now reached more than \$53,000. Thanks to our many wonderful and generous donors – St. Cletus families, parishioners, and friends – the **Community Memorial Foundation** has matched our new and increased contributions with their check for \$7,500 toward our Annual Fund. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this match possible and to all our generous contributors.

**Poster, Poetry, and Prose Contest**

Congratulations to St. Cletus School's Special Recognition Awards winners of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's 2010 Poster, Poetry, and Prose Contest. Winners in Poetry/Prose are: \*Kate Krecek, Meghan Nelson, and Caroline Wuerl, and Posters winner is \*Michelle Nelson. Great job, everyone! (\*Honorable Mention)

**St. Cletus High Schoolers Shine**

The following St. Cletus graduates and parishioners received recognition at their high schools.

Graduate **Shelby Vcelka** earned First Honors for Trinity High School Second Block Honor Roll.

Graduate **Tim Christopher** had a roll in the Nazareth Academy 2010 Spring Musical, "Guys and Dolls." Eighteen Nazareth students submitted 11 exhibits to the Regional History Fair, including graduates **Cassie Levitske** ("I Fosse! We Fosse!") and **John Flach** ("The I&M Canal: Unlocking the Door of Midwest Trade and Commerce"). Nazareth had 39 seniors named Illinois State Scholars, including St. Cletus graduates **Jaelyn Baker** and **Mary Shannon**.

Graduate **Casey Kodatt** made the B Honor Roll for second quarter at Queen of Peace High School.

Graduate **Christopher Kodatt** achieved B Honor Roll status for the first semester at St. Laurence High School.

Parishioner **Ryan Burke** achieved Magna Cum Laude academic excellence at Notre Dame College Prep.

Nazareth Academy First Semester Honor Roll included many St. Cletus graduates.

A Honor Roll: **Edward Ashe, Jaelyn Baker, Kevin Baro, Megan Baro, Mary Figura, John Flach, Michael Gray, Rebecca Lenz, Cassandra Levitske, Robert Lively, Colleen McCollom, Rourke McCollom, Mark Patterson, Mary Shannon**

B Honor Roll: **Timothy Christopher, Martin Garvey, Sally Garvey, Michelle Gostkowski, Thomas Gray, Allison Kopicki, Kendra Tosheff, Catherine Usher**

The following St. Cletus graduates earned first semester honor roll status at *Lyons Township High School*: **Mariah Alwahaab, Madeline Anderson, Jill Babirak, Andrew Balch, Robert Bogolin, Susan Boland, Kathryn Callahan, Thomas Callahan, Caley Callahan, Jessica Chervinko, Shelby Ciraulo, Madeline Cole, Kristen Collins, Colleen Condon, Alyssa Condotti, Alexander Contarino, Kerri Czopek, Nicholas Dentamaro, Charlotte Donatelli, Amanda Dostal, Cody Funk, Jillian Gable, Natalie Gacek, Frances Galin, Joseph Galin, Andrea Goethals, Stephen Goethals, Helene Griffin, Geena Grzeca, Heidi Heim, James Heim, Ashley Hess, Katelyn Jacobs, Julie Jaskierski, Marie Johnson, Brian Kelley, Patrick Kelley, Brendan Kelly, Joseph Kern, Alexander Kiessling, Christian Kiessling, Moira King, Allison Kison, Lauren Kolbusz, Sean Lenz, Troy Lenz, Cecilia Luxem, Emily Maldonado, Robert Martinez, Margaret McGrath, Katherine McMillin, Matthew McQuillan, Kelly Meade, Michael Micek, Robert Mitchell, Elle Mrazek, Jacob Newman, Katherine Nichin, Loren Oboikovitz, Paige Oboikovitz, Benjamin Okkema, Sarah Patterson, James Provan, Lindsay Purpura, Anthony Pusatera, Shane Rhoads, Patrick Rhode, John Riccione, Alicia Rodriguez, Kimberly Sipek, Adam Smith, Brendan Stepuszek, Veronica Szigeti, Ryan Temple, Michael Thomas, Gabriel Valdes, Lora Vietzen, Kathryn Zebus.**





**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**

**FORMING YOUNG ADULT LEADERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

Each year, college graduates between the ages of 21 and 29 join the Amate House program and commit to a year of service work in Chicago's underserved schools, parishes, non-for-profits, social service agencies. Amate Volunteers live in a supportive community of their peers in the McKinley Park, Little Village and Uptown communities. In addition to serving the community, Volunteers benefit from ongoing spiritual development and faith formation. Faith Formation focuses on five tenets: community, faith, service, social justice and stewardship.

***How can St. Cletus Parishioners Help?***

Amate House is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago; however, the organization is completely self-funded. *Amate relies on private donations to support all of its programs.* Visit our website to learn more about the organization, sign up for our newsletter, or make a donation. You can also call John Lucas, our Executive Director, at (773) 376-2445 for more information

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***OUR HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION WILL GO TO HELP THIS WORTHY PROGRAM.***

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Day/Date	Start Time	Location/Rm. #	Event
Monday, March 29	8:30 p.m.	Morrissey Hall	Men's BB
Tuesday, March 30	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	School - 213 School - 200	Compassionate Care Ministry School FSA Meeting
Wednesday, March 31	9:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rectory Basement Church School - 200 School - 207 Morrissey Hall	Mission Ladies Lenten Mass RCIA Compassionate Care Meeting Girl's Church League
Thursday, April 1	12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Morrissey Hall Church Morrissey Hall Church	Leisure Loafers Mass of the Lord's Supper Hispanic Ministry Holy Thursday Mass Adoration
Friday, April 2	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Parking Lot Morrissey Hall Morrissey Hall Church Church	Hispanic Ministry Stations of the Cross Hispanic Ministry Last Words of Jesus Hispanic Ministry Adoration of the Cross Passion of the Lord Passion of the Lord
Saturday, April 3	12:00 Noon 7:00 p.m.	Morrissey Hall Church	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, April 4	7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 12:30 p.m.	Church Church	Easter Masses Spanish Easter Mass

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Cletus Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago is a Christian community of believers and followers of Christ Jesus. We call and welcome all to join our family of faith as we seek to live the Gospel values in our daily lives, community and world. We are committed to providing spiritual nourishment through the worship of God, celebration of the sacraments, Christian education and use of our time, talent and treasure in serving others with compassion and love.

### MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am,  
11:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Mon., thru Sat., 8:00am

Evening before Holy Day: 7:00pm

Holy Day: 6:30am, 8:00am

### BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend the Baptism Preparation Class. Please make arrangements by calling the Rectory office (708-352-6209)

### WEDDINGS

Dates and times are reserved for registered parishioners. Initial arrangements must be completed five months in advance of the wedding date.

### HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATION AND COMMUNION CALLS

Please contact the Ministry of Care office (708-215-5407).

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins following the 8:00am Mass and continues during the day until 6:15pm the first Monday of the Month.

The *Chaplet of Divine Mercy* is prayed at 6:15pm followed by Benediction.

*Hispanic Adoration* continues from 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions every Saturday of the month 4:15-4:45pm.

**The collection amount for March 21st is not available due to the early printing of the Canticle this week.**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Rita F. Mayer
<i>Vice - Chairperson:</i>	Jim Ryva
<i>Recording Secretary:</i>	Xavier Polanski
<i>Corresponding Secretary:</i>	Elizabeth Goellner-McLean
<i>Worship Ministry:</i>	Colleen Hagen Justin Sisul
<i>Finance Liaison:</i>	Brian Kapusta
<i>Parish at Large:</i>	Joe Bamberger
<i>Youth Ministry:</i>	Rita F. Mayer Dawn Dion
<i>Education Ministry:</i>	Anne Babirak, (School) George Pach (Rel. Ed.)
<i>Pastoral Care Ministry:</i>	Stuart Heyes Xavier Polanski
<i>Development Ministry:</i>	Ed Burke Tom Finucane
<i>Staff Representative:</i>	Jolene Hillgoth
<i>Hispanic Ministry:</i>	Silvia Casas Ignacio Saavedra
<i>Social Concerns:</i>	Dick Ford Jim Ryva
<i>Technology Representative:</i>	Julie Lenz
<i>Parish Life:</i>	Lori Ashe Fr. Edgar Rodriguez

### JESUS, REMEMBER ME

Our Lenten journey of conversion has brought us to the holiest week of the Church year. With palm branches in hand we enter the holy city of Jerusalem, proclaiming, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." From this grand entrance into the city, we follow the Lord Jesus as he shares his last meal with his disciples, institutes the Eucharist, is arrested, betrayed, and killed. Each year this celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion plunges us into the saving mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lord's forgiveness of the repentant thief reminds us that reconciliation awaits those who put their faith in Christ. Let the repentant thief's words become our own this day: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).